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A1. providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers,

wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase goods or services from at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and

wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students are contributed by the sponsors and activity providers to the board for the program; wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program; and wherein the youth club sub-program includes production of a television show.

13. A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

A2 providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers,

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the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers,

wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students from the sponsors and the activity providers are to be contributed to the board for the program; and

wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase the goods or services of at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program, and wherein the youth club includes at least one activity selected from the group of producing a television show, publishing a magazine, and producing a computer-network based program.

25. A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising:

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providing a board to manage the program, the board managing a funding sub-program including coordination of acquiring funds for operating the program from at least one source selected from a group of sponsors, the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and governmental funding sources;

providing a youth club sub-program for the students; and

providing one or more activities for the students, the activities including at least one activity selected from the group of a physical activity and an intellectual activity, the at least one activity made available by at least one source selected from a group of activity providers,

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the group including educational institutions, sporting organizations, business organizations, service organizations, recreational organizations, and external training providers; and

wherein the youth club sub-program includes at least one activity selected from the group of producing a television show, publishing a magazine, and producing a computer-network based program.

REMARKS

In the first Office action, claims 1-28 were rejected and the Examiner made §101, §112 rejections and §103(a) rejections. Generally, by the above amendments, applicant believes that the Examiner's §112 rejections have been rendered moot. With respect to the Examiner's §101 rejection of all claims, applicant urges reconsideration because he has invented a new process within the meaning of the U.S. Patent Statute. Applicant's invention includes structuring a program that is new and useful as described in the specification.

With respect to the claims, applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13 and 25 to include the limitations of certain original dependent claims. Amended claim 1 now includes the limitations of original dependent claims 2-4, amended claim 13 now includes the limitations of dependent claims 15-16, and amended claim 25 now includes the limitations of dependent claim 26.

With respect to the Examiner's § 103(a) rejections that are pertinent after the above amendments, applicant urges reconsideration because there is no suggestion in the HIV/AIDS Ministries Network ("HMN") to provide a program like the CYCA one. In other words, it would not have been obvious to combine the television show production of HMN with the CYCA program. Similarly, just because it may be known generally that youths can